

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Regular Meeting - April 2, 1996 - 4:30 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING: G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ernie Garrison, Bruce Gerrard, David Watson, Jack McIntosh, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips- WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick- SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan.

PRESENT

Chairman Ernie Garrison, District #4
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Bruce Gerrard - District #5
Jack McIntosh, County Attorney
David Watson, Interim Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, April 2, 1996 at 4:30 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. Mr. Floyd gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 19, 1996 meeting as mailed.

The following citizens spoke during the citizens agenda: Ms. Geneva Martin asked for assistance with fixing Sharon Court. Powell Hickman asked for consideration of additional recreational facilities in Anderson County. Ms. Gail Davis spoke to Council about the condition of Julian Drive, a private drive in Belton. She presented pictures and a petition asking for assistance. All remarks were received as information.

Council presented a plaque to Harold "Stick" Brown for long and dedicated service to Anderson County. Mr. Brown will retire from the County on April 30, 1996.

Item #1 (b) Home Builders Association was stricken from the Agenda. Chairman Garrison appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Home Builders to solve problems the County is experiencing with the Building & Codes Department. Members are Mr. Harvie Banister, Chairman, Fred Tolly, and two people appointed by the Home Builders Association.

Chairman Garrison also appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development

Ernie Garrison, Chairman

Bruce Gerrard, Dennis Claramunt, and Al Young. The purpose is to meet and talk with other members of Economic Development.

Mr. Gerrard moved to approve the Ad Hoc Committees as listed above and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison presented a Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Anderson County. Patsy Garrison, Chairman, members: Polly Welborn, Viviana Donahue, Debbie Atkins, Faith McDonald, and Angela Hughes, Miss Anderson, of the committee were recognized. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the Proclamation and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Garrison presented Resolution #R96-012 - a resolution commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5996, Ladies Auxiliary and all Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Carl Stone presented Council with information regarding a request by the Town of Honea Path for expanding and improving the Jennie Erwin Library Building. The current facility has 900 square feet of usable space and is the smallest branch in the system. Several years ago, to increase accessibility, two interior walls were removed which was a temporary fix. To create an adequate amount of space for the patrons and staff the Library needs to be expanded by 2.5 or 3 times its present size. The addition suggested is 2500 square ft. The Library Building Board and the Town of Honea Path wish to have this structure placed on the National Register of Historic Places; therefore the addition must be carefully planned and constructed. Base figures: construction of the new area will cost about \$312,000, repairs on the old structure \$76,500, site preparation \$20,000, plus 21% for cost escalation and contingencies. A drawing was presented. Mr. Floyd moved to receive all remarks as information. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 5/0.

Mr. Watson presented an grant application for Anderson County Entrance Signs. The grant is 80/20, and is estimated to cost the County \$4,000. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Floyd seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Tolly and Mr. Floyd withdrew their motion and second. Mr. Floyd moved to receive as information in order to check out a possible maintenance agreement and other questions discussed and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve the cost of the Anderson County Code - Supplement #3 at \$7.00 each.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to correct a drainage problem of Mr. Pete Ashworth in Summer Place Subdivision. All the water in the subdivision comes into the location. The County Attorney is in agreement of the solution to the drainage problem.

On the motion Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted four in favor (Garrison, Banister, Floyd, Tolly) and one abstention (Gerrard) to approve resuming County Maintenance on a dirt road (C-5-24A) off Mountain Springs Road.

Mr. Garrison read letters from Wren High School and Three and Twenty Fire Department complaining about the condition of Shenandoah Subdivision, a private road. The mail will not be delivered there anymore. The County Attorney was asked to comment on if the Council could fix these roads. He remarked that his interpretation of the law is that County Council has police power to protect the public health and safety of the citizens of Anderson County, and if the roads are in such condition that the Fire Department or EMS vehicles cannot get in there that under the police power that Council can go in and make the roads passible (minimum maintenance) for these purposes. A judgement might can be filed against the Developer for recoupment of the money spent. Mr. Tolly said that he would like to include Thorneblade, a road in his district, which is the same situation. Mr. Garrison suggested that Council hold off until all Council Members have an opportunity to obtain letters which would justify public health and safety problems.

Mr. Floyd talked about the poor condition of the DSS Building. He suggested that David Watson and Chairman, or designee, work with an Ad Hoc Committee to look at the feasibility of remodeling or relocating. He also asked that Joel D. Parnell be a member of the committee. Mr. Tolly, Mr. Banister, Joel Parnell and Brantley Jordan were appointed to the committee by the Chairman. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the Ad Hoc Committee and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 5-0.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to go into executive session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss litigation, contractual matters, economic development and personnel.

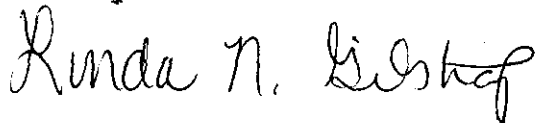
On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted 4-0 to come out of executive session back into regular session at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Floyd had to leave during executive session.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve a supplemental FAA Lease Agreement for the Anderson County Airport. This lease will reduce their space in the terminal building at the Airport by one-half. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 4-0.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to instruct the Administrator to get with the Purchasing Manager and see if the asphalt bids could be done on a percentage basis with three different plants for a big savings. There is a plant near Pendleton, in Honea Path and one in the Powdersville area.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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